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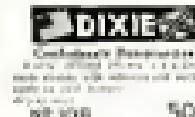
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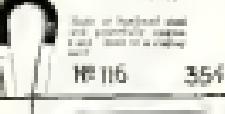
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HARDING IT--
EXTREMELY
FRAGILE!)



DUMB BONNY--
THE GIRL FROM
S.H.A.P.E.
(SOPOR, SLOWWEE
WITH ADDLED
PATE (ENDOWED
WITH ADDLED
PATE ENDOWED



THE BLIMP--
THE MAN FROM
S.H.A.P.E.
(BAT, LUMPT
INDIVIDUAL
GOING WITH
HASTE OF A
TURTLE!)



WHITE FEATHER--
THE MAN FROM
S.H.A.P.E.
(ANXIETY--
RICH
CHICKEN-HEART
ETERNALLY
RUNNING!)



ARCHYMANDER--
THE MAN FROM
S.H.A.P.E.
(PODOFEROUS
CAT BRECKING
EVERYTHING IN
REACH!)



O KAY, BUDDIES--
YOU
DID IT! YOU
WENT OUT
AND GROSSLY
SNAPPED UP
SO MANY
COPIES OF
**INFERIOR
FIVE** IN
SHOWCASE

THAT DC
DECIDED
TO CAST THE
INEPT
AVENGERS
IN THEIR
OWN MAG!
SO HERE IT IS--
AND WE HOPE
YOU'RE
SATISFIED!
NOW, READ AND SLURP,
WHILE YOU
WANDER THROUGH
THE
SCREENING
STORY
WE CALL...

ART BY MIKE SIEGEL
AND BY MIKE ESPORTO
SCRIPT BY RONALD BRADLEY
LETTERED BY JOE LETTERESE

FIVE CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF A PLOT!

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COME ONCE AGAIN ON THE RAMPAGE,
EVERYBODY KEEP YOUR HANDS UP
AND YOU WON'T GET
HURT!



BUT SUDDENLY... YOU VILLAINS ARE FINISHED! IT'S
WONDERMELLAT



NO READERS, WONDERMELLAT IS NOT A MEMBER
OF THE INFERIOR FIVE! HE'S ONLY A COMIC
MAG CHARACTER!



AND THE ARTIST IS NONE OTHER THAN
MURDOCK LYSTONE, WHO IS SURELY
MURDERMELLAT! LET'S FACE IT--IF YOU
WERE MURDERMELLAT, WOULDN'T YOU
KEEP IT A SECRET?

NOT BAD, BOY! YOU
SURE HAVE ARTISTIC
TALENT!

THANKS,
GRANDDAD
VICTOR!



THE OLD BOY! HE'S MURDOCK'S PATERNAL
GRANDDAD, BEER VICTOR!

I HEAR THE RINGING, LUMINWARM LINE,
BUT I DON'T SEE GRANDDAD! I KEEP
THE PHONE!

IT'S THE
LUMINWARM LINE,
GRANDDAD! I KEEP
IT IN MY FILE...
UNDER MY
B.R.I.G.



WHAT IS IT,
CHIEF
GERONIMO?

THIS ISN'T POLICE HEAD-
QUARTERS! IT'S
COUSIN FRED!



FRED? WHAT ARE YOU
DOING ON THE LOWDOWN
LINE? I THOUGHT YOU
WERE IN ALASKA!

ASK HIM HOW
MYRNA AND
THE KIDS
ARE!

NOT YOUR
COUSIN FRED!
THE ORGANIZATION
OF COUSIN FRED--
COMPETENT ORGANIZATION
WITH FIGHT SCIENTIFIC
INVESTIGATION FOR
NATIONAL FRIEND, GUARDIAN
AND GUARDIAN DEFENSE!

ALL YOU NEED ARE FIVE MEMBERS...
GET OVER HERE AT CHEESEBOX
AVENUE AND 54TH STREET! OUR
COVER IS A NEWSSTAND!

I DON'T REALLY MIND ANSWERING EMERGENCIES
AS FREQUENTLY AS I AM...BUT THOSE WHO GET YOU
RUN INTO ON THE SUBWAY...

YOU'RE
NOT TAKING
THE SUBWAY
TODAY,
BOY!

RIGHT AWAY,
SIR!



IN FACT, PLATO DROVE AND RODE! HE HAS
THE GOLDBUG OUTSIDE... THE FASTEST
THING ON WHEELS IN THESE VEGGIE, BOY.
TODAY, YELLOW JACKET RIDES
AGAIN!

THIS'LL TEACH
YOU TO PARK
OVERTIME!

PLATO... I TOLD YOU
TO DRIVE AROUND
THE BLOCK!



WE'LL GET BACK TO HEARTY THEMES BUT RIGHT NOW LET'S LOOK IN ON ANGEL ATHENA (GODDESS BUNNY) TREASURY!

JUST HOLD THAT POSE... OOH! I'M PLATTERED!
IT INSPIRES MY ARTISTIC GENIUS!



I CAN'T PAINT WORTH A CRAP... BUT AS LONG AS I CAN MAKE GORGEOUS MODELS LIKE HER TO POSE FOR ME, WHO CARES?



AS ATHENA TAKES A BREAK...

GOLLY, YOU MODERN ARTISTS SURE PAINT DEEP STUFF! I CAN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND IT!



EEEEE? OH-OH! THAT'S FOR ME!



I KNOW THE LONELYHEART LINE'S IN HERE SOMEWHERE...



I JUST HAVE TO FIND IT!



AH! HERE IT IS! HELLO... COUSIN FRED! BUT I DON'T HAVE A COUSIN FRED... AT LEAST, I DON'T THINK I HAVE! WE'VE BEEN INVADERS FROM OUTER SPACE! THEY'RE INBORGING US WITH STARS!

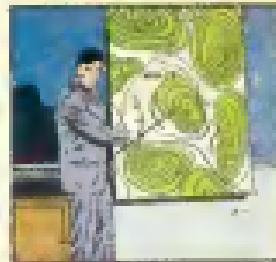


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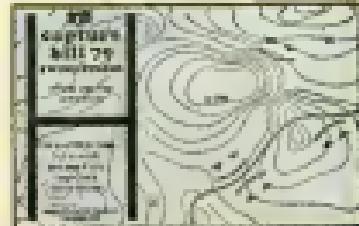
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MINUTES LATER... WELL, HERE GOES... ANOTHER CASE FOR THE DUMB BUNNY!

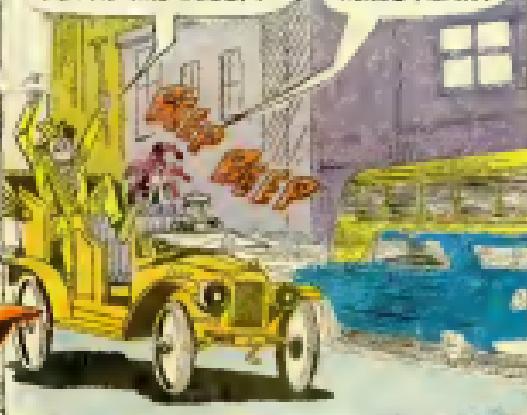


YES... MEN FROM MARS! THEY HIT ME WITH A TERRIBLE SECRET WEAPON AND KIDNAPPED MY MODEL! WHAT? YOU WANT ME TO COME DOWN TO THE STATION AND BLOW UP A BALLOON??



NOW, BACK TO MERRYMAKING!

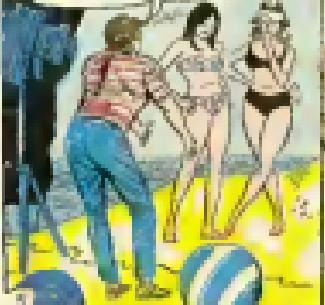
ADMIT IT, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ANYTHING GO AS FAST AS THIS BUSSY?



YES, AND I MAY NEVER GET ON ANOTHER HORSE AGAIN!

NOW, LET'S LOOK IN ON SOME ONE ELSE WHO'S HAVING TROUBLE WITH MODELS... PHOTOGRAPHER WILLIAM JOHN

PLEASE, GIRLS, I'M TRYING TO GET SOME SHOTS FOR PLAYBOY MAGAZINE! IT'S CALLED THAT BECAUSE IT COSTS TAX BOY! DO YOU PAY?



WHICH ONE DO YOU THINK THEY'LL PICK FOR THE CENTER FOLD-OUT?

COME ON... WHO'LL IT BE?

THE ONE THAT LOOKS BEST WITH A STAPLE IN HER STOMACH!



COME ON - I JUST KNOW YOU CAN GET ME VOTED FAVORITE OF THE YEAR!

NOT... ME!



BUT OUR WILLY IS SAVED BY THE BELLY!
ER... I JUST REMEMBERED AN IMPORTANT
ENGAGEMENT! THE PIN-UP SHOTS WILL
HAVE TO WAIT!



NO... FOR, AS SOON
AS THE MODELS
ARE GONE...

A NEWSSTAND? TILL
BE RIGHT THERE!

I NEVER THOUGHT
I'D BE HAPPY
TO GO INTO ACTION
AS THE WHITE
FBI-THINS... BUT
NOTHING COULD
BE MORE FRIGHTEN-
ING THAN THESE
PEAVERS!

NOW, LET'S SEE HOW
MANAGEMENT'S PARTY IS
PROGRESSING!

I'M A
AFRAID WE'RE STALLED.
STILL, YOU GOTTA
EXPECT THAT
ON WILLY!

GOING
DOWNHILL?



WELL, THAT
WAS A
MASTERED
PANEL--
SO LET'S
JOIN
JOHN
HERMAN
CHAMBER,
PROPRITATOR
OF HERMAN'S
DINER...

YOU SIMPLY MUST LOSE
SOME WEIGHT! THERE'LL
BE NO MORE REFRIGERATOR
RAIDS BETWEEN
REALS, HERMAN!

ANYTHING YOU
SAY, MABEL,
SWEETIE!



NOW, AS REGULAR READERS KNOW, HERMAN'S
SECRET PHONE IS CONCEALED IN HIS
REFRIGERATOR...

ROGER! THE BUMPS
WILL GET RIGHT
ON THE JOB!

SO THIS IS HOW
YOU KEEP YOUR
PROMISES!



WELL! I'M EATING BETWEEN MEALS AGAIN! AND NO EXCUSES! THERE ISN'T A CUSTOMER IN THE PLACE!

BUT...
MABEL...



DARN IT! I COULDN'T EXPLAIN WITHOUT GIVING AWAY MY SECRET IDENTITY! IF ONLY I HAD A DASH OF THE BLIND! BUT MY SUPER-HEROES NEVER DO THINGS LIKE THAT!



AND WHERE ARE PINKMAN AND YELLOW
LIGERET NOW?

THE LIGHT HAS CHANGED FROM RED TO GREEN TO STALLED AMBER TO RED AGAIN, BUT AGAIN! YOU'RE STILL STANDING HERE! WE'D BETTER GET YOU LIKE A CUT AND PUSH!



IT'S WINTER NOW, AND THE BEACHES NEAR MEGALOPOLIS ARE DESERTED. WELL, ALMOST DESERTED! HERE'S LEAVENDER BENT, BEACHCOMBER AND PART-TIME WRITER!

THE MAGAZINE EDITOR WHO ASSIGNED ME TO WRITE AN ARTICLE ON MR. MIGHTY DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS HAVING MR. MIGHTY'S OWN SON, ANKHARMAN! LET'S SEE...



MR. MIGHTY HAS BORN DASS-ELL, ON THE PLANET NEON... ONE DAY HIS FATHER, DANDI-ELL, MADE A TERRIBLE DISCOVERY...

YOU MUST LISTEN TO ME! GO SOON, YOUR THIS WORLD WILL EXPLODE READ, DANDI! YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A CRACKPOT!



SO DANDI-ELL RESOLVED TO SAVE HIS SON! HE SENT HIM TO EARTH IN A SMALL ROCKET...

THOUGH I PERISH WITH OUR WORLD, AT LEAST MY BOY WILL LIVE!



IT'S TOO BAD I'LL HAVE TO TELL THE NEXT
PART--HOW ANGRY HE WAS, AND EXPLODED...
BECAUSE GRANDPOP REALLY WAS A
CRACKPOT! OH-OH! THE LONG HAWAIIAN
LINE!

R-RING

MOMENTS LATER, ON SHORE...

THERE AREN'T MANY PEOPLE
WHO COULD GET TO THIS
PHONE -- HIDDEN UNDER A
BOULDER!

SAY IT
PRETTY,
DADDY-O,
I'M TURNED
IN!

SHORTLY, AFTER LEANDER SWITCHES TO HIS AWKWARD-MAN IDENTITY AND BOARDS A
SUBWAY TRAIN...

YOU LOOK SORT OF GLUM, BLIND!

I HAD A FIGHT WITH MY
WIFE; I SHE LEFT ME
A MONTH AGO!

A HUH?
REALLY?
I WISH I
COULD
AFFORD
ONE OF
THOSE
LITTLE
FOREIGN
CARS!

AND ALEXANDER, IN THE GOLD BIKE,
WELL, HE FINALLY MADE IT!

WELL, HERE WE GO, PLATO, WE JUST
ARE AT THE BIKE, HAVE TO GET
THE NEWSTAND. THIS CAR OVER-
HAULED AT LAST!

MAYBE
IT SHOULD
BE MAILED
AWAY!

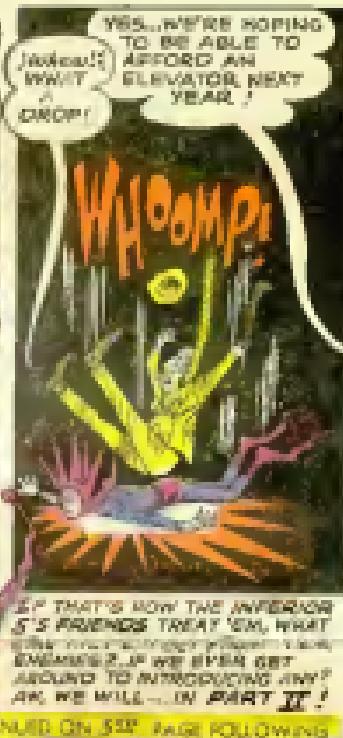
WE HAVE AN APPOINT-
MENT TO MEET OUR
UN... COUSIN HERE!



YOU GOT
THE WRONG
ME ME, DAVID,
BU...

THE ONE ACROSS THE
STREET IS THE FRONT
FOR C.O.U.S.I.N.
A.F.E.W.D. A LOT OF
PEOPLE GET 'EM
MIXED UP!





EP THAT'S HOW THE IMPERIUM'S FRIENDS TREAT 'EM, WHAT? THEY DON'T PAY THEM ENOUGH MONEY, SO THEY'RE HAVING TO SPEND IT ON THE ENGINES. IF WE EVER GET AROUND TO INTRODUCING ANY 'EM, WE WILL... IN PART II!

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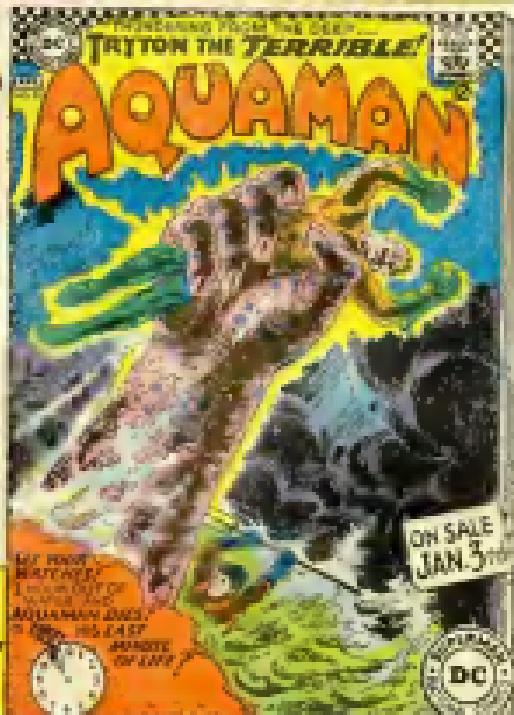
**TICK-TACK—
TICK-TACK—
TICK-TACK!**

COUNT THE
MINUTES...
COUNT THE
SECONDS...

**TIME IS
RUNNING
OUT**
AS EACH CLICK OF
THE CLOCK SIGNALS
THE **SEA KING'S
DOOM!**!

DON'T LET TIME RUN OUT ON YOU!
HURRY TO YOUR FAVORITE NEWSSTAND
FOR THE LATEST SMASH ISSUE OF...

AQUAMAN!



DIRECT CURRENTS

Well, here's the latest batch of goodies from DC—namely, our new preview of DC's (Dooms Coming) *Dimension*—and the ones with the checkered box (the real thing). Accept no AC's (Alternate Currents)!

Would you believe BATMAN would compete with no hood for the title of KING OF CRIME? Even SUPERMAN finds it hard to accept—but it happens in the March *WORLD'S FINEST*, No. 188, on sale Jan. 31.

What will the *LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES* be like when they grow up? Join SUPERMAN on his visits them in the far future in the March *ADVENTURE*, No. 254, and learn which ones will marry . . . and die! On sale Jan. 31.

Picture this—ROBIN caught in a doomsday cab, BAT-MAN refuses to get him out! How can you resist reading "THE DYNAMIC DUO'S DOUBLE DEATHTRAP" in the March *DETECTIVE*, No. 941, on sale Jan. 31?

To trap a notorious robber, the F.B.I. picks weak-kneed CLARK KENT and makes him an agent—never dreaming he's really the mighty SUPERMAN! March *ACTION*, No. 348, on the stands Jan. 31.

Another startling adventure of *IMMORTAL MAN*, the hero who lived and died 100 times, headlines the March *STRANGE ADVENTURES*, No. 196. Plus a 2-in-1 cult thriller "DANGER (ARTHUR IS DOOMED)" On sale Jan. 31.

DOT ROCK's firelighter battle of *EASY COMPANY* fights a battle rougher than the war itself in—"A FIGHT FOR JACKIE JOHNSON." You'll find it in the April *OUR ARMY AT WAR*, No. 129, on sale Feb. 2.

THE ATOM fights a one-man battle *UNDERGROUND* to stop a *BATKNIGHT* army from launching a worldwide attack. *UNDERGROUND (DAZE OF THE BATKNIGHTS)*, May, No. 90, on the stands Feb. 2.

Here's the story we were DAZED to give!—no, no, no—phony, but the genuine tragic death of a hero! "TAPE ROLL KID" is the title of the May *CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN*, No. 96, on sale Feb. 2.

A million teachers! A half-million teachers! Would you be *Happy* 2,000 teachers are killed by some form of hunting ticks? May *BOB HOPE*, No. 104, on sale Feb. 2—centering *SUPER HOPE* and the *FAUCET OF FEAR*.

SUPERMAN, SUPERGIRL, KRYPTO . . . even the baffle city of *RANDON* . . . fall into the clutches of a mysterious mission which just *might* kill all citizens of the planet *RANDON*! April, No. 116, on sale Feb. 7.

THE AMAZING AMAZON faces the most toxic villain ever conceived when "WONDER WOMAN BATTLES THE CRIMSON CENTAUR!" This solo encounter takes place in the April issue, No. 182, on sale Feb. 7.

KIDS! HIDE IN YOUR HOBBY HINTS TO CAP'S NATIONAL COMICS.

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IN MAKING A NEAT MODEL MOUNT, I GLUED FOUR 1-INCH PIECES OF PLASTIC 'RIBBONERS' LEFT OVER FROM MY KIT, TO THE BOTTOM OF THE CAR.

NOW, I POUR PLASTER OF PARIS INTO A SMALL BOX. THIS ACTS AS A MOLD.

I LET IT HARDEN A LITTLE, THEN PLACE THE MODEL ON TOP, FORCING THE PLASTIC PIECES INTO THE MOLD.

WHEN IT'S DRY, I CUT THE BOX AWAY AND HAVE A DANDY MOUNTING READY TO BE PAINTED ANY COLOR.



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FOR A LIMITED
TIME ONLY!



CAPTAIN ACTION SNOOPS DOWN ON
EVE WITH HIS SUPER
HERO PARACHUTE!
JUST SLAP HIM OVER
AND HARNESS AND RAISE
THE PARACHUTE INTO
THE AIR, PLAYING
WITH CAPTAIN ACTION
PARACHUTE TO VICTORY!
WHEN YOU BUY HIS
OTHER SUPER HERO
OUTFITS, YOU CAN
CHANGE CAPTAIN ACTION'S
UNIFORM
AND FREE MASK AND
HE TURNS INTO ONE
OF THE HIGHLIGHTS
OF ALL TIME.

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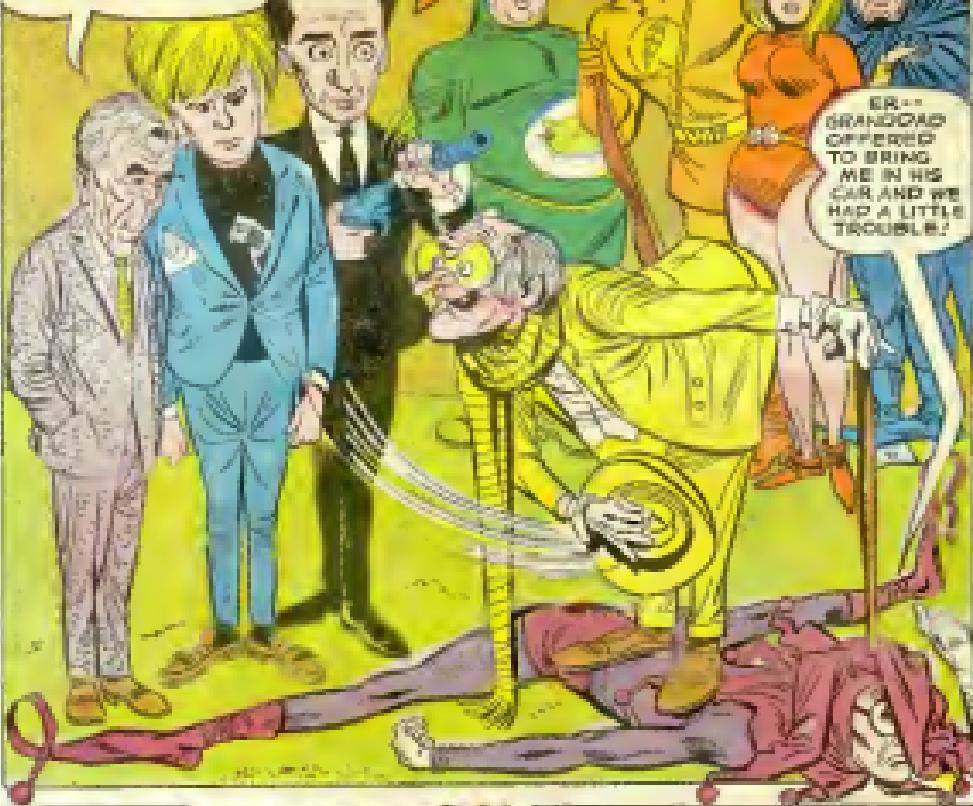


PART II 'SUPER-VILLAINS HAVE THEIR TROUBLES, TOO!'

WELCOME TO E.G.N.S.I.N. F.R.E.D. HEADQUARTERS. MY FRIENDS / I'M MR. MURKIN, AND THESE ARE OUR TOP AGENTS, CAESAR, SINGE AND RHYTHM BELLAKIN!

WE'VE BEEN HERE TWENTY MINUTES! WHAT KEPT YOU?

ER-- GRANDAD OFFERED TO BRING ME IN HIS CAR, AND WE HAD A LITTLE TROUBLE!



WE DESPERATELY NEED HELP AGAINST AN INTERNATIONAL CRIME ORGANIZATION-- H.U.R.R.I.C.A.N.E. MEANING HEINOSUS, UNSCRUPULOUS HEATS AND ACQUER, INITIATING CRIMINAL ANARCHY AND NEFARIOUS EVIL!

I MUST APOLOGIZE FOR MR. BELLAKIN. HE'S BEEN GUN-SIGHT EVER SINCE A H.U.R.R.I.C.A.N.E. AGENT SHOT OFF ONE OF HIS EARS.



NOW, YES!

WE HAVE SLIDES SHOWING THE MAN
K.U.R.R.A.C. AND HIS AGENTS. THIS IS
POWERHOUSE, WHO'S TERRIFICALLY
STRONG, THOUGH SAID TO BE A
BIT INDOLENT!



HERE WE HAVE THE MISSING FINK, WHO
CAN MAKE HIMSELF INVISIBLE. HE
HAD HAY-FEVER--SO THEIR
SCIENTISTS TRIED TO CURE IT--
EVEN TRANSFERRED HIS MIND
INTO AN ANDROID BODY. HE IS NOW
THE ONLY ANDROID WITH HAY
FEVER!



MR. MENTAL HAS E.S.P.
AND TELEKINETIC POWERS,
BUT IS A BIT ABSENT-
MINDED.



THE MOST COWARDLY OF
THEIR AGENTS--AND THE
FAIREST--THE YELLOW
STEAM!



BLACKBIRD CAN FLY. HE
IS ALSO SAID TO SUFFER
FROM AM-BILOCES.



THESE ARE K.U.R.R.A.C. AND'S NON-SUPER SPECIALISTS--
"TABBY" KATZ, SCIENTIST AND INVENTOR... "NITRO" GLEASON,
WEAPONS AND DEMOLITION EXPERT... AND
"CRABGRASS" WILDE, ESCAPE ARTIST.



BUT THE HEROES ARE UNAWARE THAT THEY HAVE AN UNINVITED GUEST...

FORTUNATELY, THEY DON'T KNOW WE'VE CALLED YOU IN... AH, BUT THEY SOON WILL--WHEN THEY GET A REPORT FROM THE MISSING FINK: OH-OH--FEATHERS--AH-AH--

...SO WE MAY TAKE THEM BY SURPRISE! HOWEVER...

AH-CHOOO!



GESUNDHEIT! GESUNDHEIT!

GESUNDHEIT!

GESUNDHEIT!

GESUNDHEIT!

GESUNDHEIT!

GESUNDHEIT!

GESUNDHEIT!

GESUNDHEIT!



SAY--WE ALL SAID "GESUNDHEIT!" THAT MEANS IT WASN'T ONE OF US WHO SHED TEARS!

GREAT LUGERS! THEN THAT COULD ONLY MEAN...

EIGHT! WE'VE BEEN INFILTRATED...

BY THAT HAY FEVER--RUDDEN INVISIBLE VILLAIN, THE MISSING FINK!



SORRY--SOMEBODY THREW! RIGHT IN A
PILE OF DUST! I'M
MORE ALLERGIC TO
THAT THAN I AM TO
FEATHERS!



SOON, OUT IN THE STREET... QUICK! THEY'RE --AH--CHOO--

WHEE TO ME! LET'S GET
GOING!

COUSIN
FRED'S
INC.
CAR WASH

WHO ARE
YOU,
STRANGER?

COUSIN
FRED'S



I'M THE MISSING PINK,
YOUR FELLOW
MURICANE,
AGENT, MR. MENTAL!

WHAT'S
MURICANE?
AND WHO'S
MR. MENTAL?

YOU ARE MR. MENTAL
AND WE BOTH WORK FOR
MURICANE!

WITH ALL THOSE
PERIODSTARE WE--
GOOD GUYS OR
BAD GUYS?

IF THIS WERE A
WESTERN, WE'D
WEAR THE BLACK
HATS!

SORRY, I CAN'T REMEMBER
ANYTHING! I SIMPLY HAVE
NO MEMORY!

WELL,
THAT PROBLEM
COULD GET US IN
A LOT OF TROUBLE!

WHAT
PROBLEM?



QUICK! TO THE GOLD BUG!

THERE ARE TWO OF 'EM!

GET THE MOTOR STARTED WHILE I GET IN!

HOW DO YOU START IT?

NEVER MIND! MOVE OVER--I'LL DRIVE!

FOLLOW THAT CAR!

IN YOUR DREAMS, YOU KID!

NOT AT ALL! ACTIVATE THE GRAPPLERS, PLATO!

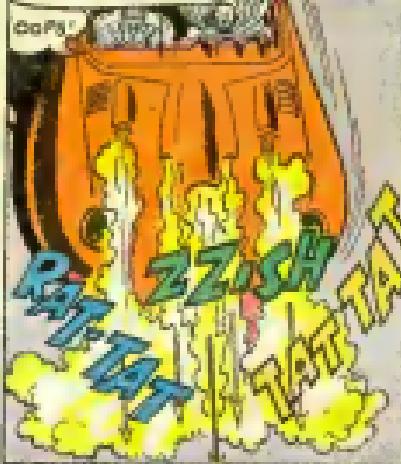
DON'T GET IT! WE'RE GOING AT
OF SPEED, BUT THEY'RE
KEEPING UP WITH US! THE OIL
WE'RE SQUIRTING SHOULD
MAKE THEM SKID! THE BRIGHT
LIGHTS SHOULD BLIND THEM...
BUT THEY'RE STILL THERE!

HA, HA! THEY DON'T
REALIZE THEY'RE
TORTURING US!

HEY! I REMEMBER SOMETHING! THESE BUTTONS ACTIVATE OUR GUNS AND HARPOONS AND... LIKE THAT!



BUT YOU FORGOT THEY ONLY FIRE FORWARD, WHILE OUR PURSUITERS ARE BEHIND US!



HA! THIS WILL LOSE THEM... OUR SMOKE SCREEN!



THIS SMOKE IS AWFUL! SMOKE? OH, YEAH! I DIDN'T NOTICE AT FIRST! WHY SHOULD I NOTICE AT FIRST? THAT GALS IN A PERPETUAL FOG, ANY WAY!



IT DIDN'T WORK! TRY YOUR HELMET! HIT 'EM WITH A BLAST OF TELEKINETIC POWER!



WORRY, BUNNY! WE GOTTA
CATCH 'EM!

WE MUST GET THAT TELEKINETIC
CRUMB OUT OF THE WAY! LET
HIM HAVE IT, PLATO!

TAKE IT EASY, I'M NOT
SWIFTER THAN MERCURY,
YOU KNOW!

(GEEPS!)

OH-OH! I'D RATHER RADIO HEADQUARTERS
AND HAVE 'EM STAND BY TO HELP US!

AND SOON AT HURRICANE
HEADQUARTERS...

TIME FOR ACTION! TO THE
ROOF, BLACKBIRD! AND
YOU, POWERHOUSE...
WEAR YOUR BELT!



I'LL TAKE A BELT RIGHT NOW!
GOOD OL' SUPER-STRENGTH
POTION!

STOP THAT
COWARD!

I'M GONNA
RUN AND
HIDE!

CRASH!

IT'S TOO
FAR TO
THE
DOOR!
I'LL TAKE
A SHORT
CUT!



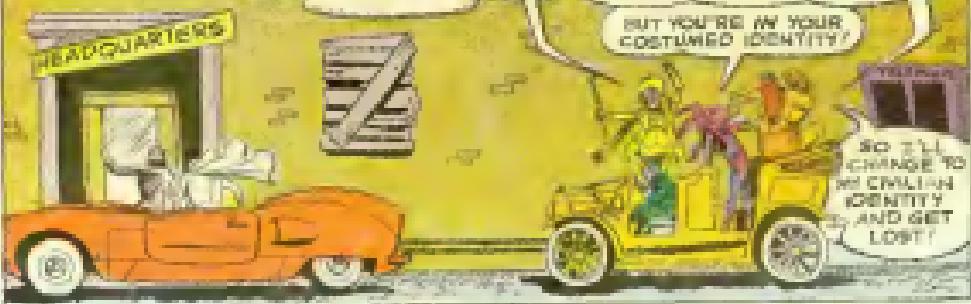
... AND NOW, THE OTHER AGENTS OF EVIL AND THEIR PURSUERS RAUNCH THE R. G. ...

THEY'VE STOPPED! LET'S GET THEM!

A PHONE BOOTH! I'LL GO IN THERE AND CHANGE MY IDENTITY!

BUT YOU'RE IN YOUR COSTUMED IDENTITY!

SO I'LL CHANGE TO MY CIVILIAN IDENTITY AND GET LOST!



TEH,
TEH/
A HERO
WHO GOES
AROUND
TELLING
LIES!
WHAT
NEXT?
PART
III
TANTE'S
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The INFERIOR Five

Well, here it is—THE INFERIOR FIVE NO. 27 After three boring issues in SHOWCASE (which set records for exceptionally rotten sales) DC has succumbed to a handful of financial fans whose poison pen letters scared the Bosses into this catastrophic venture!

(Editor's note: Don't expect ME to complain. I get paid for putting out the Inferior Five. What the readers get out of it is one of the big unsolved mysteries around the DC offices.)

We wish to extend a special thanks to the fanatical fan who sent us that lovely bouquet of economy-sized roses. What a nice smell they made around here when the time bomb hidden inside went off! And what interesting effects the blast caused. The Superman editor, who previously resembled Bizarro minus the cracks in his face, now resembles Bizarro with the cracks in his face. The editor of Fox & Crot was divided into two equal blasts. Now Fox has his own editor, and Crot has his own editor. We could go on about the rest of the editors, but why should we? They never give THE INFERIOR FIVE any free publicity in their mags.

And now for the part you've all been dreading . . .

THE FANATICAL FANS SQUAD!

Dear Editor: A friend of mine had his vocal chords removed 47 years ago because of a war wound. When I gave him the latest issue of The Inferior Five he looked into my eyes and said, "It stinks." —Eddie Edgings, Houston, Tex.

(FOUC vocal chords don't sound so good to us! How about it? —Editor.)

Dear Editor: Here is a poem I have written and dedicated to the whole staff responsible for the IF:

The Inferior Five is a great big disgrace
To all Superheroes and the whole human race;
They fly and they flop and trip all around,
And always wind up half-dead on the ground;
They swing and they spin,
And they miss when they swing.
And that's why they're five of the crassest things.

How do you like it? —Michael McDowell, Edison, N.J.

(In the words of some fellow I heard about who had his vocal chords removed 47 years ago, "It stinks." —Editor)

Dear Editor: I was very surprised to receive your wire notifying me that I was the winner of the 1968 DC comic price contest—especially since I

hadn't even entered it! What's it all about? . . . By the way, mother sends her regards. —Dad.

(There was no reply to the above from the Editor. —The Printer.)

Dear Editor: Enclosed find one ancient ceremonial sword—with kickstand. After releasing the 26 issues of The Inferior Five, it's the only honorable weapon. Never has there been a group more ungodly. White Feather—our Foreign Legion, deadpan; The Slump, that airborne 16 hour capsule of super-heroic power; Death Hawk (come on, make history—the first comic ever to contain a comic folder); Ambushاص, more powerful than wet asparagus, able to leap pasting dogs at a single bound; and their leader, that all-time great Marvegas—oops, sorry—or, Marvegan. Why, they're so good they make me sick!

And the starkest: How could you do this to us? It's amazing, the way they all began at one end of the comic, and go through to the other. Surely, the writer will return as *Alien Guard*—for these stamens. . . . Before I end, one minor criticism, I know you're near perfect, but I was still able to detect two minor errors—those designated as Showcase Nos. 62 and 64.

In closing—you guys certainly have the experience necessary to put out a fine comic, but I can see that you're not letting this influence you any. Well, you can always go back to producing "protest posters" for *Bread & ...* —Tom Fisher, Johnston, R.I.

(The above was copied word for word from a "Wanted" poster in the Post Office. —Editor)

Dear Editor: I'll bet you don't get many letters from *mother!* I have three children and can remember back when all my allowance went into comic magazines. Those were the days of the super heroes! Since the whole country has gone crazy over pop art and the comic, my six year old seems to know more about what's going on than dear old mom. I picked up a copy of your new *The Inferior Five* and nearly died laughing. The entire is overwhelming. If this is what you people are coming out with today, I am going back to reading comic! —Mrs. R. E. Underwood, Orange, Calif.

(True, we don't get many letters from *mother*. But MRS. Underwood sends her regards along with a smile. —Editor)

And so we come to the close of *The Inferior Five* No. 27 (In case some of our less bright readers didn't realize that) If you think it's funny, write until you read No. 28! If you don't think it's as hot, read *SCOOZIE*—that ain't really funny!

WATCH OUT for HURRICANE TABBY! PART III

SHORTLY, IN HURRICANE HEADQUARTERS,
THE WHITE FEATHER, OUR PRISONER, LET'S SEE WHO HE IS! TAKE OFF HIS MASK!



YOU THINK IT IS UNLIKELY? WELL, HE WILL PUT THESE SUNGLASSES ON CLARK KENT INSTEAD!



JUST THEM... AHA! YOU CAUGHT TWO MORE! TAKE OFF HERRMAN'S GLASSES!

I TRIED THAT!

AND YOU FOUND OUT HIS SECRET IDENTITY?

NO, I FOUND OUT HE'S BLIND AS A BAT WITHOUT 'EM!



WELL, I DON'T CARE WHO THAT OLD GEEZER IS... SO WE'LL DISPOSE OF ALL THESE! YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, NITRO!

I SURE DO!



AND SOON...

ACID VAT

GET THE ACID IN THAT VAT MIGHT GET YOU WHEN THE CANDLE BURNS THROUGH THE ROPE--UNLESS THIS DYNAMITE GOES OFF FIRST! IF YOU GET LOOSE, YOU CAN'T LEAVE THE ISLAND, YOU'D BREAK THOSE ELECTRIC-EYE BEAMS, SHOCKING A MILLION VOLTS OF ELECTRICITY THROUGH THE WATER. AND IF YOU GET PAST THE GEARS SOMEHOW, YOU'LL BE EATEN BY SCORES OF HUNGRY PIRANHAS!

CRACKLE

ZEE-ZEE

SCREECH

CRUNCH



CRUNCH

GNASH

CRUSH

BURP

GRRRPP

CRUNCH

SO YOU'RE YEH--BUT THOSE WHO KNOW ME BEST HAVE A DIFFERENT NAME FOR ME--BUTTER-FINGERS!

EH?



BUT WHY THIS WHAT? AND GET KICKED OUT OF THE SUPER-TRAP? WHY NOT JUST SHOOT US?

WELL, SO LONG!

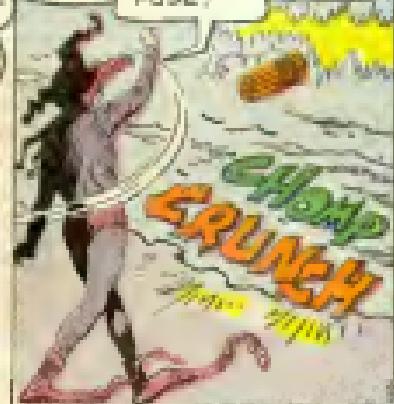


AS THE DRAWER DOOR IS BURNED AND THE PRISONERS ARE LEFT ALONE...

WE'RE DOOMED! I NEVER KNEW ONE OF 'EM MOVE THE CANDLE Nonsense! Sure--see? First THESE TRAPS THAT FROM THE ACID VAT WASN'T A CINCH TO SOFT AND USE IT TO BURN THROUGH MY OWN BONDS...



NEXT, I'LL GET RID OF THIS DYNAMITE! THE WATER IN THE BOAT WILL EXTINGUISH THE FUSE!



IT ALSO BREAKS THE BE. H, SENDING THE MILLION VOLTS THROUGH THE WATER--AND ELECTROCUTING THE PIRANHAS!



AS I SURMISED, THE POWERFUL CHARGE BURNED OUT THE ELECTRIC FIBERS! WE CAN NOW SWIM ACROSS IN SAFETY!



MEANWHILE, OUR OTHER THREE HEROES--REMEMBER THEM?--HAVE FINALLY ARRIVED AT THE SCENE...

HERE WE ARE--
AND THESE ARE
THE BAD GUYS!

WE'LL WIN,
'CAUSE WE'RE NICE GUYS FINISH LAST!

COME ON, WE'LL SHOW 'EM NICE!



HERE I GO! OOOH! I
DON'T FEEL SO GOOD!

HELP ME!
I'M AIRSICK!
I FEEL NAUSEOUS!

HOLY LIFE-SAVERS!
DON'T WORRY, OL' SOCKY!
I'LL PUT YOU OUT OF YOUR MISHERRY!



AND NOW...THE OTHERS JOIN THE FRAY!

HALT! WE HAVE ELUCED YOUR
MEFARIOUS TRAP!

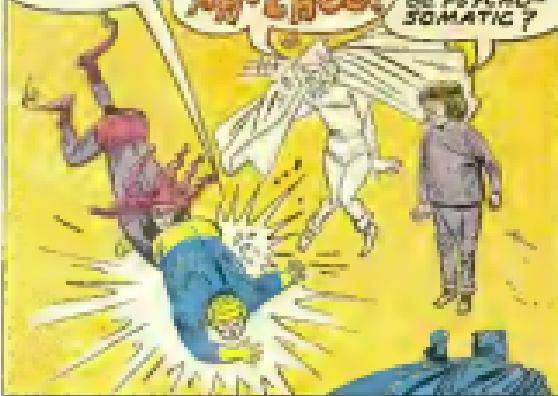
I KNEW
THEY WOULD!
I JUST KNEW
IT!



UHHH MY POWER
MAN CUT-- AND ME-- I'M ALLERGIC
YOU BROKE
MY FLASH!

GET AWAY FROM
ME-- I'M ALLERGIC
TO GRASSCRESS!

BUT THAT'S
ONLY MY
NAME! COULD
YOUR TROUBLE
BE PSYCHO-
SOMATIC?



I GOT THE WHO FIGHTS AND STOP OR
ONE RUNS AWAY LIVES. I'LL SHOOT!

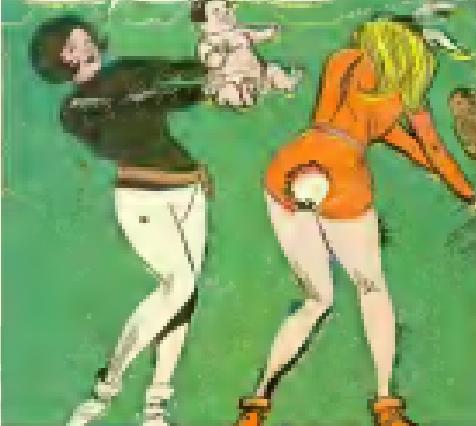


DON'T! I COULD-- I DON'T
ASSAULT, ONLY WANT TO BE
SURRENDERED AS BIG AS I OVERPOWERED
A FELLOW AS SO I'LL
I AM! INFLATE THIS
ARTIFICIAL
PLASTIC
BABY!

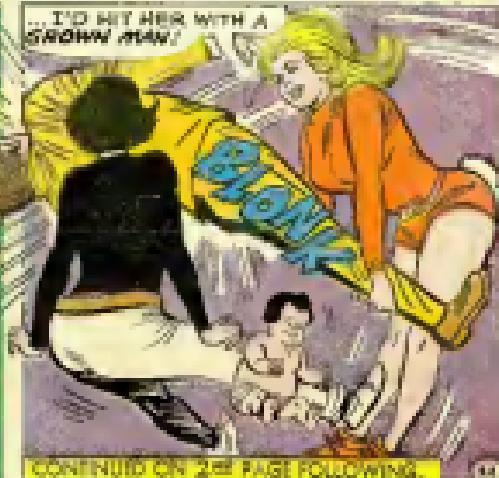


YOU WOULDN'T HIT A WOMAN
WITH A BABY, WOULD YOU?

NO...



...I'D HIT HER WITH A
GROWN MAN!



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COUNTDOWN ON EXCELLENCE

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO
CLEAN UP THE GARAGE,
JERRY, BUT YOU DIDN'T
DO A VERY GOOD JOB.

AM, DAD, WHAT'S THE
DIFFERENCE? IT'S
NOT VERY
IMPORTANT.

HMM . . . WITH THAT KIND OF
ATTITUDE, YOU'LL GET INTO
SLOPPY WORK HABITS. IF
EVERYONE FELT THAT WAY
ABOUT HIS JOB, WHAT DO
YOU THINK WOULD
HAPPEN?

SUPPOSE A PLUMBER
DIDN'T DO HIS
WORK RIGHT . . .

OH, DEAR! AND THE PLUMBER
WAS JUST HERE AND SAYS
EVERYTHING WAS
FINE!

OR A SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR . . .

I WANTED THE
BANANA, NOT THE
BANANAS!

OR A GARAGE MECHANIC . . .

I JUST HAD MY TIRE
CHANGED IN THE AMERICAN
WAY. THE MECHANIC
DIDN'T TIGHTEN THE
WHEEL PROPERLY--I
COULD HAVE BEEN
KILLED!

OR A MAN WHO WORKS ON A SPACE
CAPSULE . . .

COUNTDOWN... THREE . . .
TWO . . . ONE . . . **READY, HURR!** NO
A BLAST-OFF! SOMEBODY
GOOFED!

I SAY IT, DAD . . . EVERY JOB,
WHETHER IT'S BIG OR SMALL,
IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH
TO DO RIGHT THAT'S A GOOD
NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!



WHEN THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE OF PLAYBOY COMES OUT, I'D TALK TO HER, HE PICKED TO PHOTOGRAPH INSTEAD OF US!

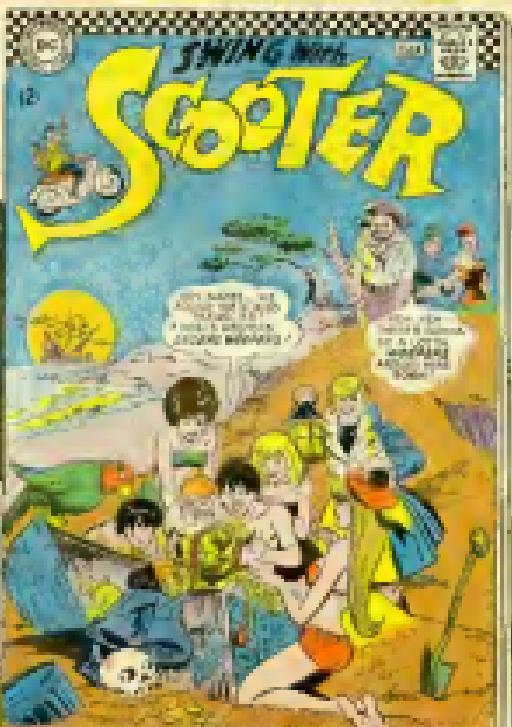
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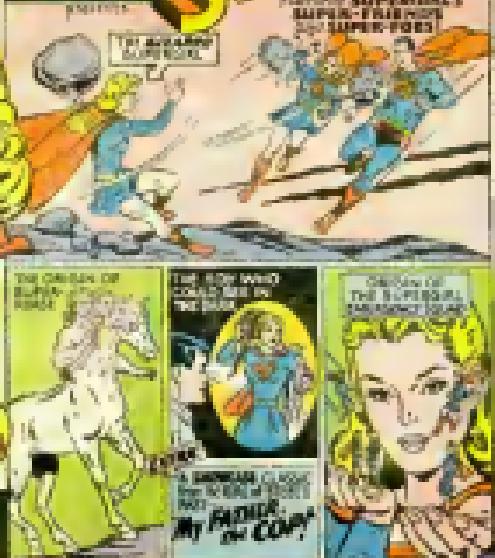


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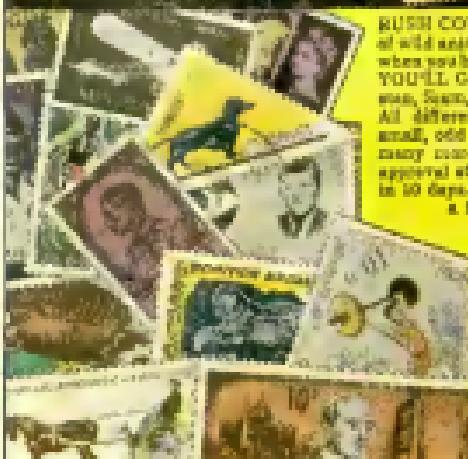
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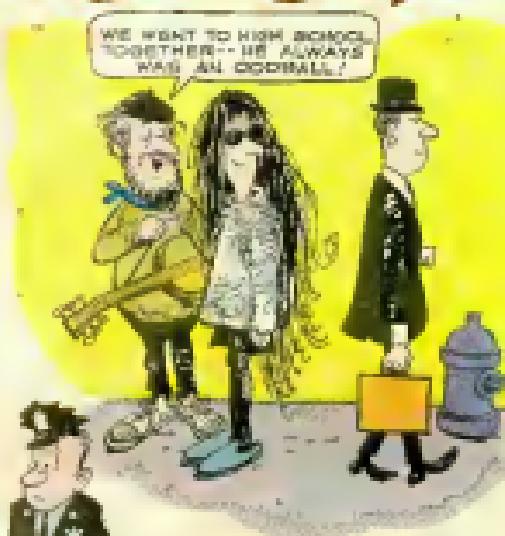


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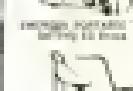
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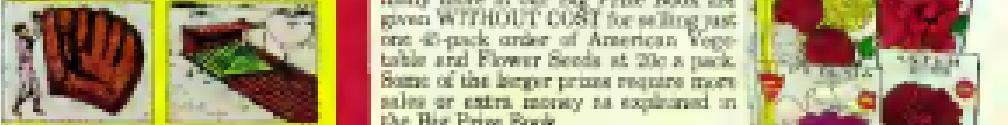
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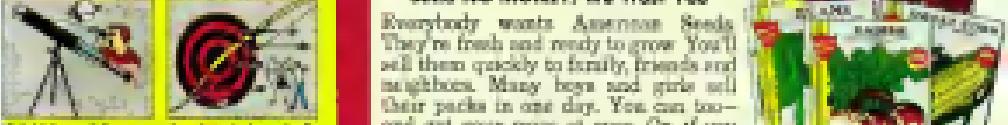
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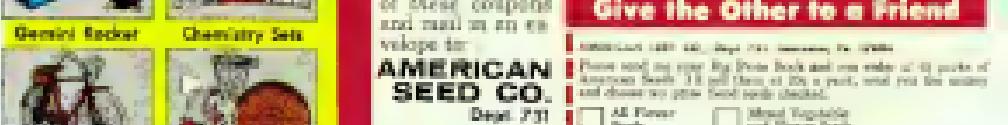
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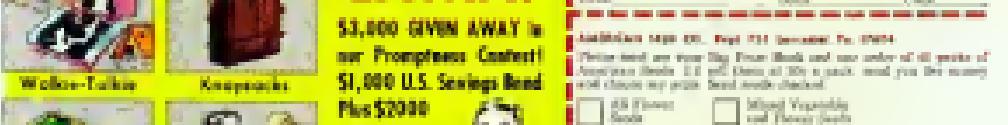
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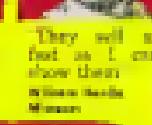
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